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SUBJ: WILL THE PRC FINANCE OMVS MANANTALI DAM?

1. MR. SIDI COULIBALY, MINISTER OF PRODUCTION, ANNOUNCED IN BAMAKO THAT THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA WOULD PROBABLY FINANCE THE MANANTALI, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN TUESDAY'S EDITION OF THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, L'ESSOR, ENTITLED "WILL THE PRC FINANCE THE MANANTALI DAM?" MR. COULIBALY MADE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWING A MEETING OF OMVS REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE TECHNICAL TEAM THAT CONDUCTED A FEASIBILITY STUDY LAST YEAR. THE ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION IS 49 BILLION FRANCS CFA OR 233 MILLION DOLLARS.

3. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT AN OMVS DELEGATION WILL GO TO PEKING TO WORK OUT THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

COMMENT: SINCE OMVS HAS ACCEPTED THE CHINESE CONSTRUCTION SCHEME FOR THE DAM, THERE IS MUCH WISHFUL SPECULATION BY OMVS OFFICIALS THAT THE PRC WILL AGREE TO BUILD THE DAM. (SEE DAKAR 1834).

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